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In re Patent Application of:  
William M. COLONE

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POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.114**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006. This Amendment and RCE are filed, following the filing of a Notice of Appeal on August 8, 2006, but prior to a decision on the appeal, and therefore acts to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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